

Wild Brazil - Wildlife Tour

14N/15D – Brazil's Iconic Wildlife

Accommodation: Lodge and hotels – comfortable but basic.

Photo guide: Paul McDougall

Trip Duration: 14 nights and 15 days

Max participants 5

Trip Cost: £10,950pp (No single supplement)

Private Trip Cost: Available on Request

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Date	Location	Accommodation	Meal Plan	Activity
Day 1 31/8/2027	Arrival at Cuiabá Airport	Hotel Amazon Cuiabá Aeroporto	B	TRSF
Day 2 1/9/2027	Transfer to the town of Poconé (1h30m)	Fazenda Pouso Alegre	L,D	TRSF
Day 3 2/9/2027	Transfer to Porto Jofre making stops.	Hotel Pantanal Norte (Porto Jofre)	B L D	MG,EG
Day 4 3/9/2027	Jaguar Safari	Hotel Pantanal Norte (Porto Jofre)	B L D	BS
Day 5 4/9/2027	Jaguar Safari	Hotel Pantanal Norte (Porto Jofre)	B L D	BS
Day 6 5/9/2027	Jaguar Safari	Hotel Pantanal Norte (Porto Jofre)	B L D	BS
Day 7 6/9/2027	Jaguar Safari	Hotel Pantanal Norte (Porto Jofre)	B L D	BS
Day 8 7/9/2027	Giant River Otter Boat Trip	Rio Claro Lodge	B L D	BS
Day 9 8/9/2027	Transfer to Cuiabá	Hotel Amazon Cuiabá Aeroporto	B	TRSF

Day 10 9/9/2027	7:00 – Transfer from Hotel Amazon to Cunhataí Porã Lodge.	Cunhataí Porã Lodge.	BLD	None
Day 11 10/9/2027	Maned Wolf, Hummingbirds, Ocelot	Cunhataí Porã Lodge.	BLD	TW, H, WA
Day 12 11/9/2027	Maned Wolf, Hummingbirds, Ocelot	Cunhataí Porã Lodge.	BLD	TW, H, WA
Day 13 12/9/2027	Maned Wolf, Macaws, Hummingbirds	Cunhataí Porã Lodge.	BLD	TW, H, WA
Day 14 13/9/2027	Early morning Boat Trip and Departure to Cuiaba Airport	Hotel Amazon Cuiabá Aeroporto	BLD	TW, H, WA
Day 15 14/9/2027	Airport Transfer and Departure			TRSF

B – Breakfast, L – Lunch, D – Dinner, MG - Morning Game Drive, Drive, EG – Evening Game Drive, TRSF –Transfer, FG – Full Day Game Drive, ON – Overnight in hide, BS – Boat Safari, Trail Walks – TW, Hides -H, Wildlife Activities - WA

Please note accommodation may be altered to an equivalent option dependent on availability.

The Pantanal

Almost 10 times the size of the Everglades, Brazil's Pantanal is the world's largest freshwater wetland. A Pantanal tour will give you the chance to see some of its many exotic plants and one of the biggest concentration of large animals in World. Jaguar, giant otter, anaconda and caiman are just some of the unique species to be found here.

Seasonal rainfalls and flooding characterize the region. This sets the stage for one of the best bird and wildlife-spotting experiences imaginable.

The wet season (January to March) offers beautiful water landscapes, flocked with colourful birds. Capybara, crab-eating fox, and Pampas deer are just some of the species you might see.

In April, the rains stop and the water level recedes, giving rise to lagoons and water puddles. Thousands of fish are trapped, providing a food banquet for water birds.

July to October is the dry season and the best time to observe wildlife. The fields begin to dry, providing vast grazing areas where mammals search for food and water.



Exclusive Jaguar Safari Experience

Embark on a unique jaguar safari that offers an unparalleled opportunity to observe and photograph wild jaguars in one of the highest concentrations of these magnificent big cats in the world. One of our key objectives will be to capture the thrilling moment of a jaguar launching itself into action, targeting a caiman with remarkable precision. The Pantanal is known for its dramatic wildlife interactions, where the jaguar's fierce hunts create an adrenaline-fueled spectacle. The sheer bravery of these cats as they confront such formidable prey will leave you in awe!

Throughout this tour (apart from Jaguars), you can expect to encounter numerous wildlife species, including capybaras, giant river otters, Red Brocket, Grey Brocket, different bats, Marsh Deer, Collared Peccary, Giant Anteater, and a variety of birds and reptiles, making every moment an unforgettable adventure in the heart of nature.

Around the lodges, we can enjoy feeders frequented by a wide variety of native birds, including piping-guans, toucans, finches, macaws, parrots, and mammals such as Azara's Capuchin, Crab-eating Fox, South American Coati and Azara's Agouti.



Small Group Photo Safari

DAY 1: Arrival in Cuiba – day at leisure and overnight at airport hotel

DAY 2: Transfer to the town of Poconé (1h30m)

From Poconé we enter the Transpantaneira road and make stops to photograph bird and mammals in the water ponds and fields.

The Transpantaneira route traverses wetlands rich in biodiversity, where diverse ecosystems with cycles of flooding and drought create grasslands and water bodies that attract a wide variety of aquatic and fishing birds, as well as mammals and reptiles. On this journey, we will make some stops to take our first photographs, where we can observe species such as Capybara, Brazilian Tapir, Greater Rhea, Anhinga, Bare-faced Ibis, Roseate Spoonbill, Capped Heron, Cocoi Heron, Jabiru Stork, Maguari Stork, Wood Stork, Snail Kite, Savanna Hawk, Great Black Hawk, Sunbittern, Black Skimmer, Large-billed Tern, Yellow-billed Tern, Hyacinth Macaw, Blue-and-yellow Macaw, different Kingfisher species, Green Iguana, Yacare Caiman, among others.



The entry road to Fazenda Pouso Alegre starts at the 28th km of the Transpantaneira, is about 7km long, and may offer some great sighting such as Brouckle deers, Collared Pecari, Azara's Agouti, Crab-eating Fox, Chestnut-bellied Guan, Black-and-white Tegu, and more.

After checking in we go on a vehicle safari looking for Tapir and with good chances to also see several species of deer, peccaries, and lot of bird species.

The safari vehicle is available also after dinner where also other fauna can be seen such as owls, ocelots and nighthawks.



DAY 3: Early morning walking safari up to a water pond looking for good pictures at the first light of the day.

Back to the lodge for breakfast.

Photography at the bird feeders will offer incredible photo opportunities for Toco Toucan, Chestnut-eared Aracari, Crested Oropendula and Crab-eating Fox, South American Coati, Bare-faced Curassow, Chestnut-bellied Guan, Chaco Chachalaca and others.

Lunch and transfer to Porto Jofre making stops.



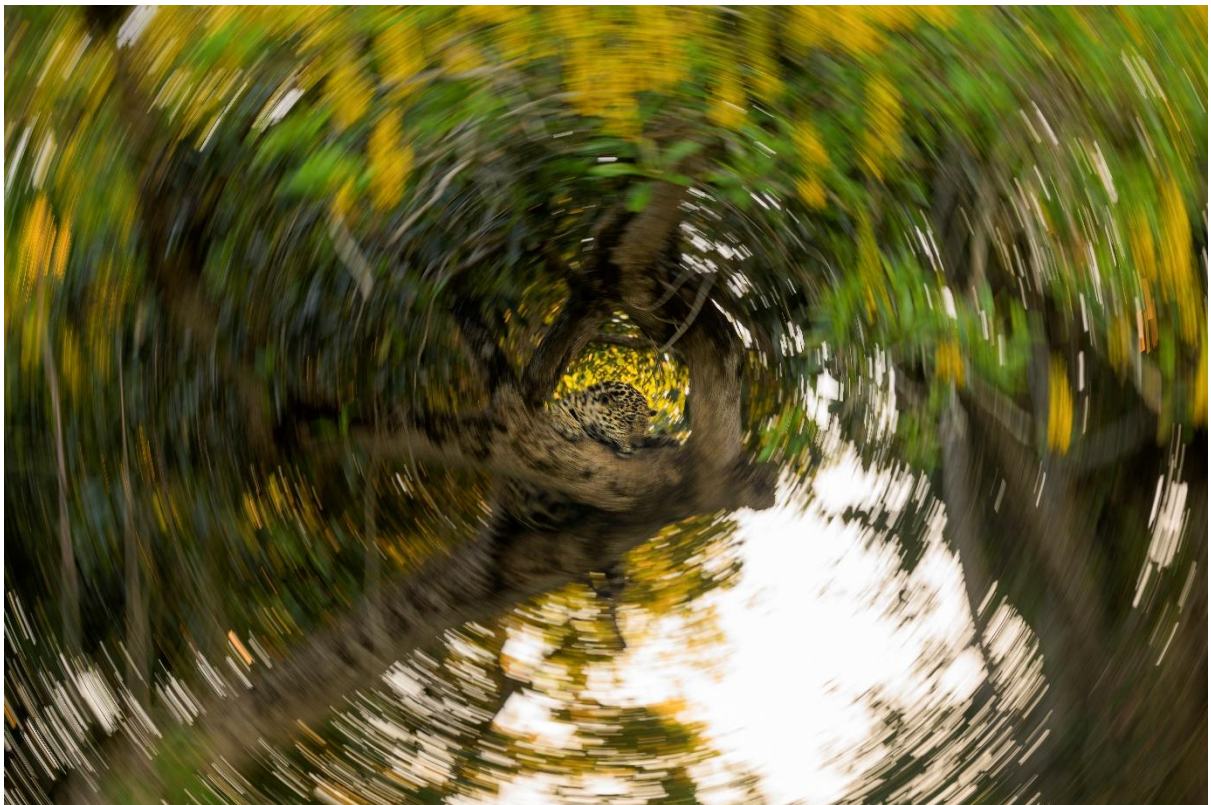
DAY 4: Full day Jaguar Safari.

A full day dedicated to photographing jaguars and other species encountered during the navigation. We will board an exclusive motorboat for our group early in the morning and start a navigation of about 45 minutes to reach high-concentration jaguar sites. The ideal scenario is to focus on individuals that haven't had breakfast yet, patrolling the riverbank in search of prey (Yacare caiman, capybara, yellow anaconda, giant otter).

Midday, we will stop at a shaded riverbank to have a packed lunch and enjoy the Pantanal environment while observing the wildlife around us.

The rest of the day will remain primarily dedicated to jaguars, although we will also have the chance to see various interesting encounters with species such as the Giant Otter, Jaguarundi, Capybara, Brazilian Tapir, Boat-billed Heron, King Vulture, Plumbeous Kite, Osprey, Jabiru Stork, Pied Lapwing, Black Skimmer, Amazon Kingfisher, Green Kingfisher, Ringed Kingfisher, and others.

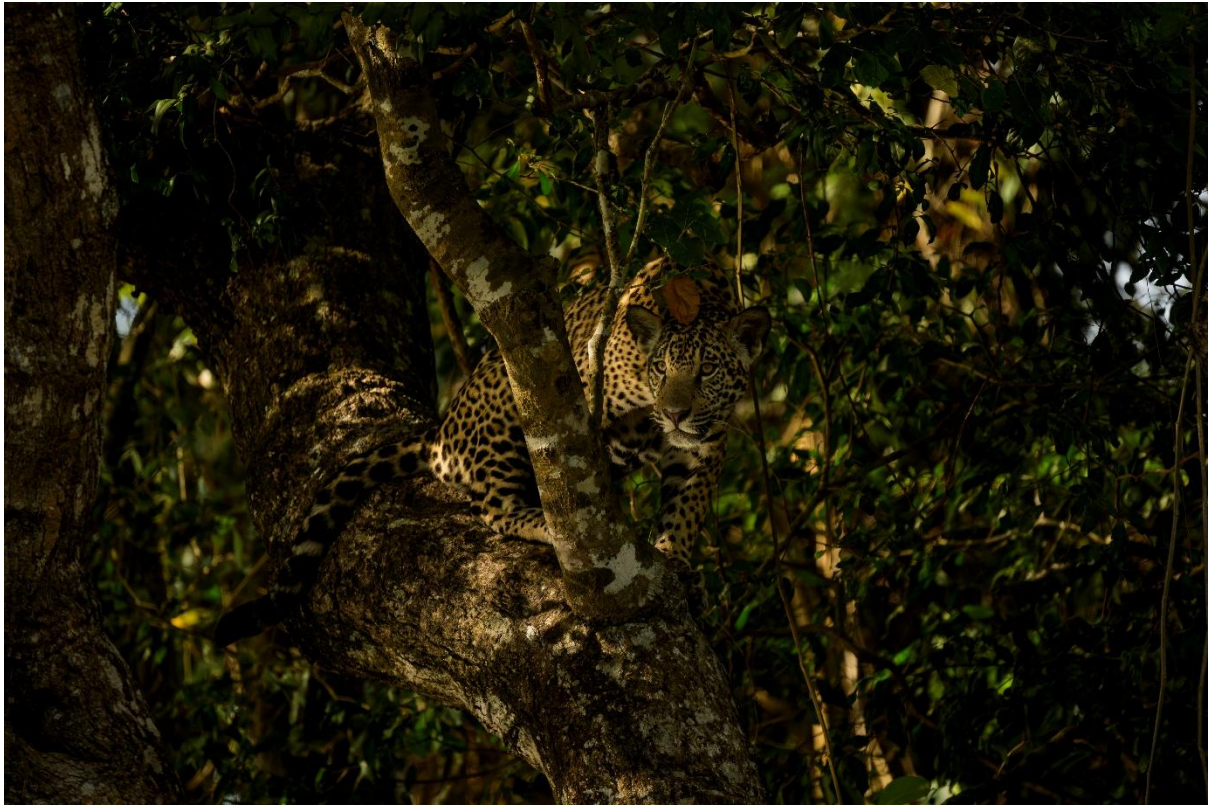




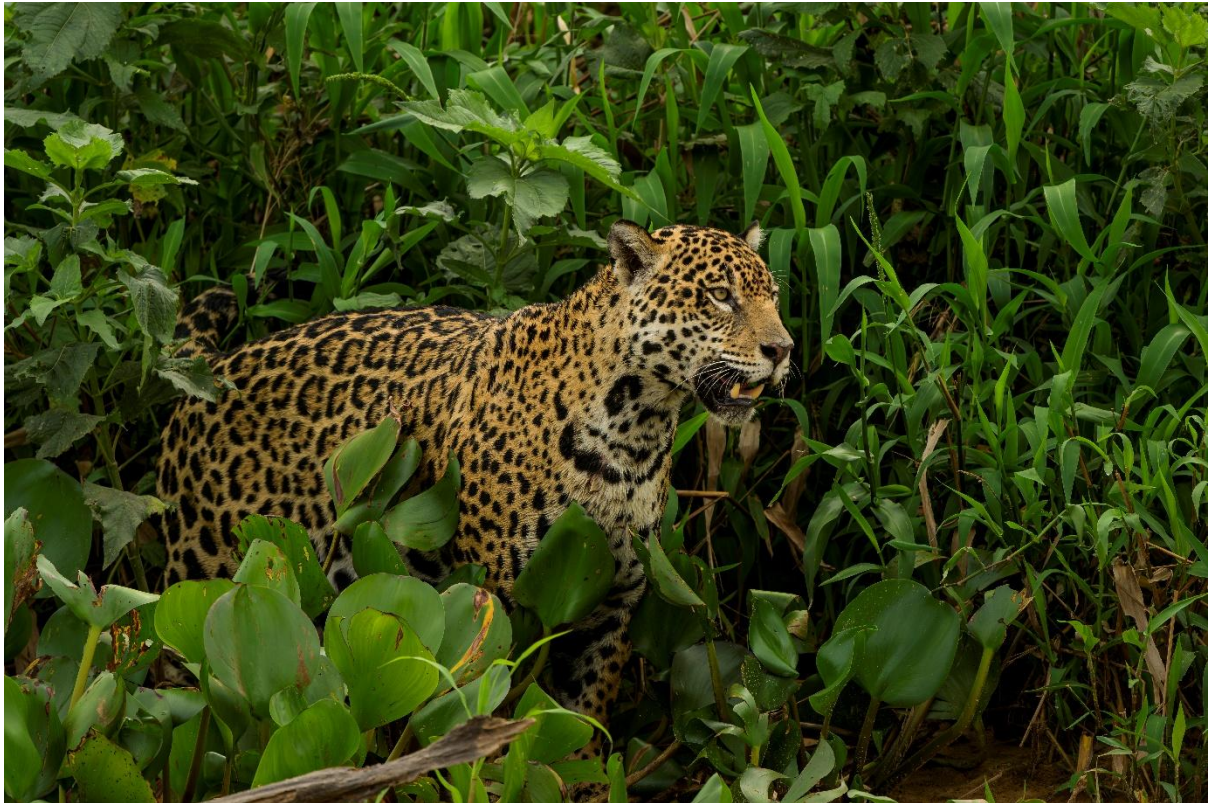


DAY 5: Same as previous day.





DAY 6: Same as previous day.



DAY 7: Same as previous day.



DAY 8: After breakfast we head to Pousada Rio Claro.

Pousada Rio Claro boasts a rich array of wildlife and vibrant plant life. The lakes, lagoons, streams, and rivers shift with the rainfall, resulting in stunning and diverse landscapes. One of the highlights is the beautiful river that shares the Pousada's name, the Rio Claro, where we will take a boat ride with an approximate duration of 2 hours to photograph some species that are very accustomed to visitor's presence, such as Giant Otter, Black-collared Hawk, Cooi Heron, Yacare Caiman, Ringed Kingfisher, among others. This river often has a glassy surface, allowing us to take visually striking photos with good reflections of the animals in the water. These species approach because the boatman throws them some fish, which brings you really close to the animals. In the case of the Giant Otter and Yacare Caiman, it can even be possible to use a wide angle lens. Since it's a private trip, we can control what species we focus on and where the fish is thrown, as the birds will dive into the water next to the boat.

DAY 9:

After breakfast, we will take another boat ride on the Claro River, this time in the morning, looking for different encounters with the incredible fauna of this place. After lunch we will transfer to Cuiabá Airport. Overnight at Airport Hotel.





Cunhataí Porã Lodge

Cunhataí Porã Lodge, located within the Reserva Ecológica Cunhataí Porã in Mato Grosso, Brazil, offers an outstanding wildlife experience in a region where southern Amazonian forests meet the Cerrado. The lodge combines comfortable accommodation with guided nature activities, including forest walks, boat excursions, observation towers, and specialized wildlife-viewing outings. With more than 480 recorded bird species and a rich diversity of mammals, the reserve has become one of Brazil's most exciting destinations for birdwatchers, wildlife photographers, and naturalists.

The reserve is particularly renowned for its opportunities to observe the **maned wolf** (*Chrysocyon brachyurus*), which the lodge describes as one of its flagship wildlife attractions and a major draw for photographers. The maned wolf is South America's largest wild canid, distinguished by its long black legs, reddish coat, oversized ears, and characteristic dark mane. Despite its name, it is not closely related to true wolves and leads a largely solitary lifestyle. Guests can join dedicated wildlife excursions and nocturnal spotlighting sessions that provide excellent chances to encounter and photograph this iconic species in its natural habitat.

Birdlife is exceptionally diverse throughout the reserve. Species recorded in the area include sought-after Amazonian specialties such as Gould's Toucanet, Paradise Tanager, White-browed Purpleuft, Dot-eared Coquette, Blue-cheeked Jacamar, Chattering Gnatwren, Spotted Puffbird, Snow-capped Manakin, Pompadour Cotinga, Rusty-margined Antwren, and Masked Tanager, among many others. The reserve's varied habitats, ranging from mature forest to riverine environments, support an impressive assemblage of resident and migratory birds, making every excursion a rewarding experience for bird enthusiasts

Mammal diversity is equally impressive. In addition to the maned wolf, the reserve is known for the presence of large mammals and top predators, including ocelots observed during specialized night walks. The area also supports seven species of primates and offers the possibility of encountering rare species such as the Mittermeier's saki monkey and the black-faced spider monkey. These mammals, together with the reserve's remarkable birdlife, reflect the high ecological integrity of this protected landscape.

A stay at Cunhataí Porã Lodge is therefore much more than a comfortable nature retreat. It provides visitors with access to one of Brazil's most biodiverse regions, where dawn may be spent watching colorful tanagers and toucanets in the forest canopy, while the evening brings the possibility of a memorable encounter with a maned wolf emerging from the shadows of the South American wilderness.



DAY 10:

We say goodbye to those that are doing the shorter Pantanal Trip and leave for Cunhataí Porã Lodge. It is approximately 4 hours of travelling. We will reach the lodge and check in. We will then have lunch. The afternoon is free time but we can arrange to do trail walks or a session with the hummingbirds on the numerous feeders. We will then have an early dinner and sleep early. Overnight at Cunhataí Porã Lodge.



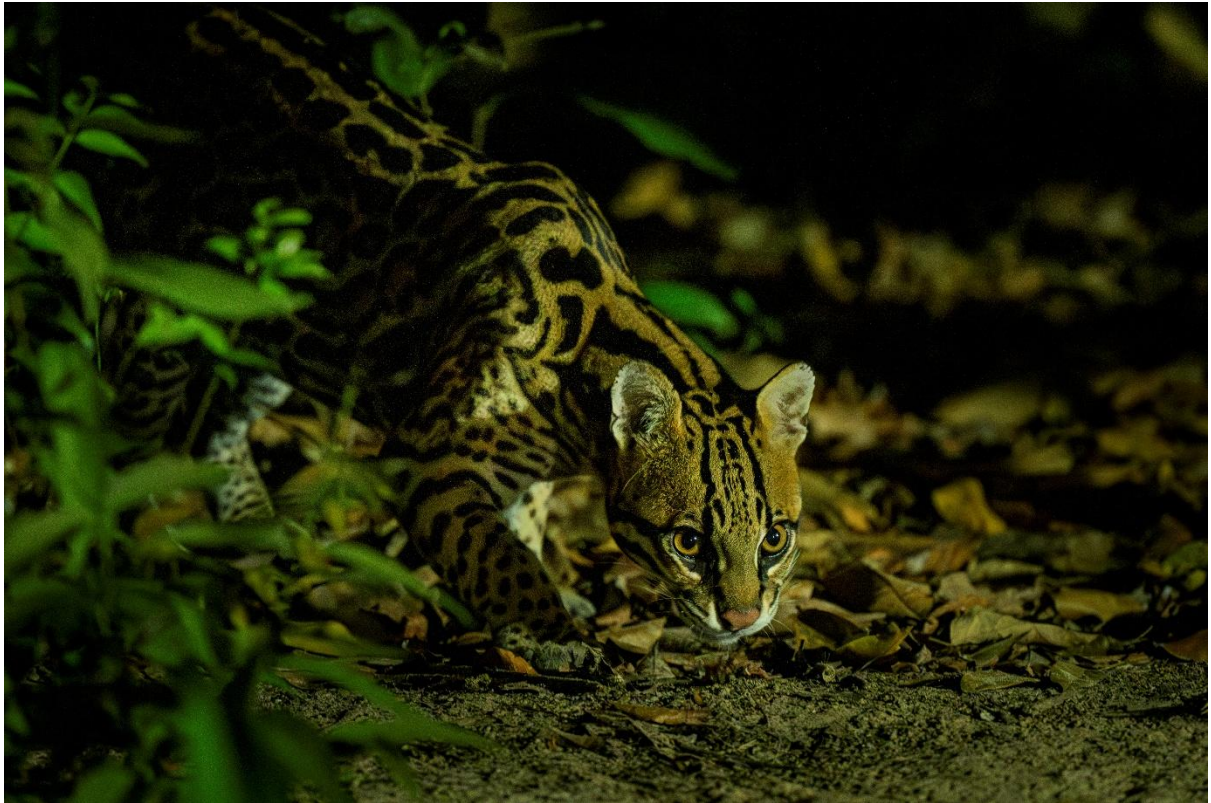
DAY 11:

We wake up very early and at 4:30am we leave for our first search for the maned wolf. The wolves around this area follow a regular route to water. These wolves previously use to feed on garbage and leftovers at a nearby restaurant and were moved to the reserve to give them a safe place to live. This makes them fairly used to people and therefore we are able to sit outside the vehicle to wait for them. If they do choose to come to us then we stay a minimum of 50m away from them but are free to take images.

After the Maned Wolf at around 10am we will return to the lodge. We then have time to rest, photograph the hummingbirds and other birds and do any of the hides or trail walks in the area. In the evening we will go to a floodlit hide for the elusive Ocelot.

After our hide session with the Ocelot we will return to the lodge for dinner. Overnight at Cunhataí Porã Lodge.





DAY 12:

Same plan as the previous day



DAY 13:

We will again do the Maned Wolf activity and then in the late afternoon we will travel to a nearby blue and yellow macaw roosting sight where we can photograph them returning to their nests in the evening. We will then return to the lodge for Dinner. Overnight at Cunhataí Porã Lodge.



DAY 14:

We will get up early and we will then go on an early morning boat trip along the river. On the boat trip we will be looking for birds, otters and the various monkey species that live on the reserve. We will return to the lodge for breakfast and then will leave for our return trip to Cuiaba. Overnight at Airport Hotel.





DAY 15:

Departure Day. You will be transferred to the airport for your flight home

End of tour.

The price for the trip is £10,950 per person (price excludes all flights).

The price includes:

- 3 nights accommodation at Hotel Amazon Cuiabá Aeroporto
- 5 nights/days accommodation in Hotel Pantanal Norte (Porto Jofre)
- 1 night/days accommodation in Fazenda Pouso Alegre
- 1 night/days accommodation in Rio Claro Lodge
- 4 nights accommodation in Cunhataí Porã Lodge.
- All described activities at Cunhataí Porã Lodge.
- Airport Transfers
- All Full Day Jaguar Boat Trips exclusive to our small group.
- All excursions/hides/boats game drives exclusive to our group.
- All services from tour driver/guide.
- All services from photographic guide.
- No single supplement

The price excludes.

- Any flights
- Any accommodation required in Cuiabá either side of the trip
- Tips and Gratuities
- Any drinks other than water.
- Travel Insurance. It is strongly advised that you take Travel out a Travel Insurance Policy for the duration of your trip.
- Any optional excursions or activities described.
- Early check in at Cuiaba Hotel – please note check in time is at 2pm

(Please Note accommodation options detailed above are subject to availability and may be changed).

It is possible to add the Argentina Tour to the trip which starts straight after this trip. We can also organise trips to Iguazu falls which is often a popular extension (This will not be accompanied by a photographic guide but would be accompanied by a local guide). Contact me for details or look at the other options on the website.

It is also possible to do the shorter Pantanal Jaguar Trip that runs on the same dates but finishes in Cuiaba and that would be the departure day.

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